

## **Salem Offshore Wind Port FAQ**

### **What is the role of an offshore wind port?**

The components for wind turbines will be transported to Salem by sea from manufacturing sites. In Salem they will be stored, partially assembled, and then loaded onto a specialized vessel for installation offshore.

### **Where will the turbines be installed?**

Approximately 15 miles south of Martha's Vineyard in the Atlantic Ocean. No wind turbines are proposed in or near Salem.

### **Will the project lead to increased traffic in the area?**

While there will be increased traffic to and from the site during construction of the new facility, it will be limited only to that narrow time period. Once construction at the site is finished and normal operations begin there will not be significant added traffic because the vast majority of materials will be delivered by sea via barges or other vessels.

### **Will this project affect the cruise ships and ferry service that currently use the port?**

Cruise ships will continue to have access to the port. Ferry service will continue to operate out of the city-owned facilities at Blaney Street, which are not part of this proposed redevelopment.

### **Will there be public access on the property?**

Balancing industrial uses with opportunities for public access will continue to be a key focus as planning is initiated for this privately owned land. The existing landscaped trail system around the power plant will be maintained.

### **What will the impact be to taxes?**

The project is expected provide a significant expansion to the city's commercial tax base. The exact value of this local benefit is to be determined.

### **How many jobs will this create?**

The project will create hundreds of new temporary and permanent clean energy jobs during the construction and operation of the facility.<sup>1</sup> In addition to direct job creation, the partnership will provide opportunities for regional workforce training and broader supply chain buildout.

### **When does construction start and for how many months?**

If Vineyard Wind wins an award for their proposed *Commonwealth Wind* project in December, full design and permitting of the redevelopment would begin immediately with a goal of

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<sup>1</sup> Vineyard Wind estimates that the project would create up to an estimated 400 full time equivalent (FTE) job years during the revitalization of the port and up to another 500 FTEs over the first five years of operation for construction and staging for wind projects and also day-to-day port operations, for a total of 900 FTE job years. FTE job years are a measure of total workload. For example, a job that lasts 3 months and a job that lasts 9 months would count as one FTE.

breaking ground in fall of 2022. The construction timetable will be developed over the coming months and is anticipated to take 18-24 months.

**What state/local permits will be required?**

The port redevelopment project will require a number of federal, state, and local environmental approvals, including the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA), the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and the Salem Conservation Commission. Additional permitting requirements will be known as the project advance.

**How do I stay connected and provide feedback as the project advances?**

The city is working with Crowley and Vineyard Wind to develop a strong engagement plan to gather feedback and keep residents up to date as the redevelopment of the port advances. Public meetings and announcements are announced and shared across the city's social media and notification channels (subscribe to city news and announcements at [saalem.com/subscribe](http://saalem.com/subscribe) and look for "City of Salem MA" on social media)). Additionally, regular updates will continue to be provided at public meetings of the [Salem Harbor Port Authority](#) and [Salem Harbor Plan Committee](#) as they have been throughout this process.

Additional questions? Please send them to Port Authority Deputy/Planner, Seth Lattrell at [slattrell@saalem.com](mailto:slattrell@saalem.com).